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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/454,770	Applicant(s) THOMPSON, CLIFFORD C.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) John Hayes. (3) ____.
- (2) David Leason. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 03 August 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 40.

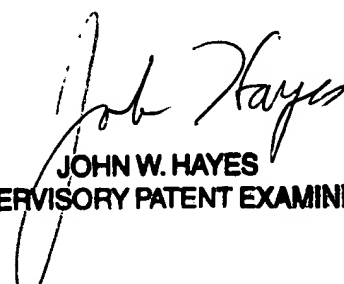
Identification of prior art discussed: ____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed claims 1 and 40 in view of the prior art reference to Tsukuda. SPE Hayes agreed that the limitations of claim 40 appeared to be distinguished from the teachings of the Tsukuda reference and appeared to be allowable pending an updated search of the prior art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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